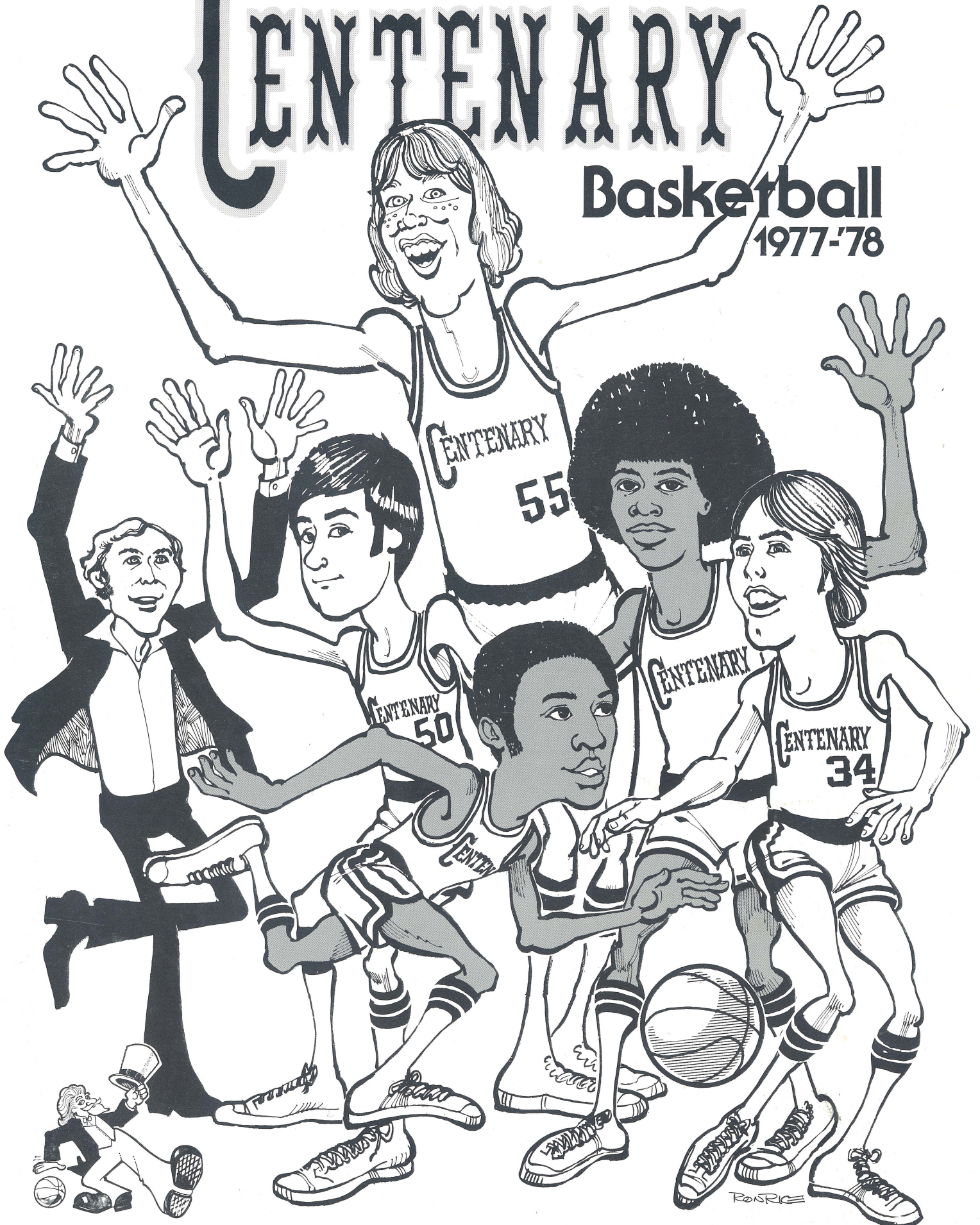
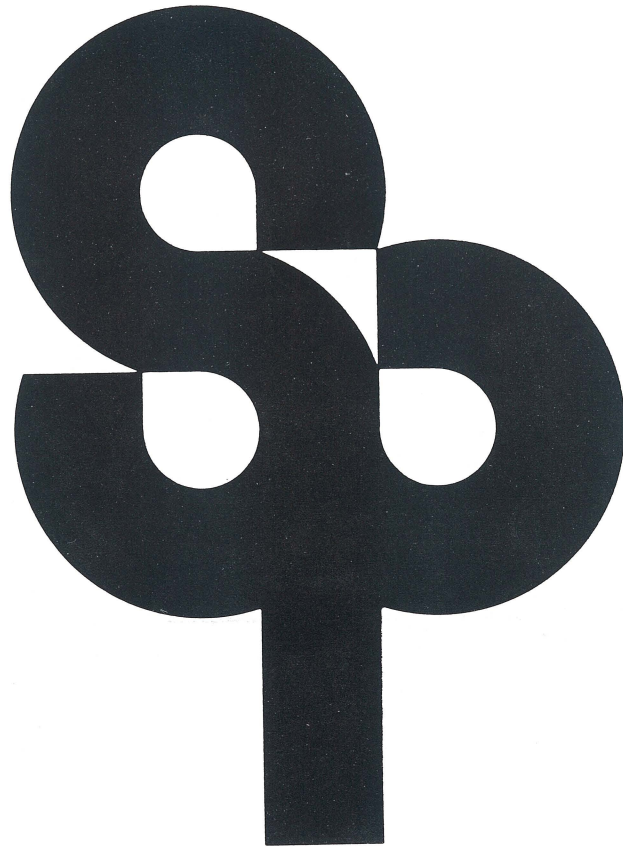


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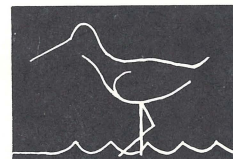
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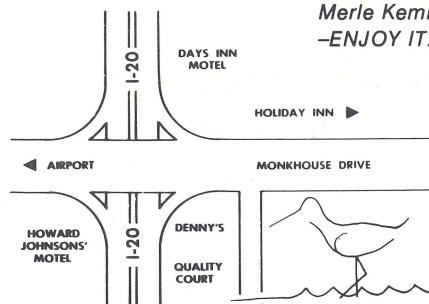
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TONIGHT'S OPPONENT

Quietly down in the Rio Grande Valley, Pan American University has established one of the nation's highest-scoring—and most successful—basketball teams.

The Broncos come into the Gold Dome tonight with a 14-2 record, a scoring average (94.6) that ranks fourth best in the nation, two of the country's top 50 scorers and the No. 2 rebounder.

PAU's 106-85 win over Texas Lutheran last Monday was the ninth time this season it has scored 100 or more points in a game and a look at some of the teams the Broncos have beaten indicates their toughness.

The victims include Air Force (85-71), Louisiana Tech (78-63), New Mexico State (120-97), Lamar (home 100-80 and away 68-66), Southwestern Louisiana (114-106, 3

OTs), Baylor (86-80) and Arkansas State (69-65). Lamar and Arkansas State hold wins over Centenary.

The only losses have been on the road to Houston by only 85-81 and to Idaho State 77-74. Idaho State last year knocked UCLA out of the NCAA playoffs.

Architect of the PAU plan is Head Coach Bill White, who built successful programs at Oral Roberts and Corpus Christi before becoming Abe Lemons' assistant at PAU. Under Lemons, the Broncos were 22-2 and 20-5 before White took an almost brand new team to a 17-9 record last year.

The Broncos started five juniors then and four of them return. That includes 6-5 center Henry Taylor (No. 14), who averaged 11.4 rebounds last year and is second nationally now with 14.3.

Taylor also averages 21.5 points a game and was ranked 36th in the nation a week ago.

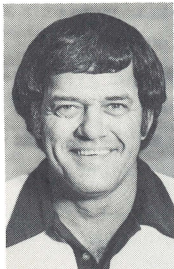
The top PAU scorer is 6-5 guard Michael Edwards (No. 11) with 23.7 ppg, placing him 19th nationally.

The other returning starters are 6-7 forward Randy Woods (No. 44), averaging 11.2 points, and 6-foot guard John Wilbanks (No. 12), averaging 10.1.

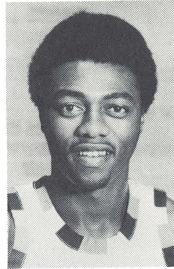
The fifth starter is juco transfer Danny Salisbury, a 6-6 forward averaging 16.1 points and 7.8 rebounds a game.

Among the top reserves is 6-4 junior Jim Ed Holland (No. 32), who played a big role in PAU's 80-79 comeback win over Centenary in Edinburg, early last season. The Gents returned the favor 86-68 in the Gold Dome despite Taylor's 28 points and 12 rebounds. The Broncos led at halftime then, but shot a miserable 35 per cent from the floor for the game.

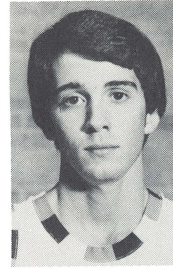
PAU was ranked ninth nationally in scoring margin (17.7) and sixth in rebound margin (9.9).



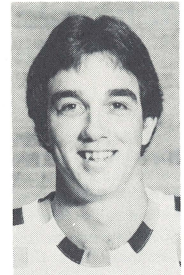
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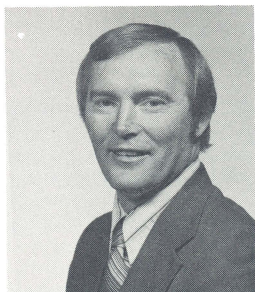
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Speaking out is characteristic of Riley Wallace.

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That's why it wasn't surprising last spring when, at a Gents Club luncheon, Wallace predicted a 20-win season and NCAA Tournament spot for Centenary in the very near future.

If anyone knows the potential of Centenary College and its basketball and athletic programs, it is Robert Riley Wallace, Class of '64 and, for the past 10 years, a member of the coaching staff.

After nine years as the top assistant basketball coach and chief recruiter, he became head coach and athletic director on April 10, 1976.

As part of the coaching team that recruited Robert Parish and his surrounding cast, Wallace helped build the most successful four-year record in Centenary basketball history.

Now that same type of success — to an even greater degree — is his goal.

"We've been there for a short time," says Wallace, "but it's something that can be maintained over a long period of time. We're a strong, recognized program throughout the nation and that helps us recruit. We'll go after the best players we can."

Wallace's first season as head coach was dubbed "A New Era" because only three players returned off the previous year's varsity. The rebuilding process began with an 11-19 record that included a multitude of close losses.

"I think we've gone about rebuilding the right way," he says. "We didn't go heavily for junior college transfers. We went for the student-athlete types who can stay four years and work into the program. It might take a little longer to get where you want, but it'll be worth it when you do."

Despite Centenary's status as the smallest school (by enrollment) in Division I, Wallace is confident the Gents can play with some of the nation's top basketball powers. And the schedule — past, present and future — indicates that.

"We'll play as good a schedule as we can get," says Riley. "It's difficult to get together with many schools. We'd like to have some of them come into Shreveport, maybe for a tournament if we can get the backing. Of course, we'll keep our traditional rivals and keep taking the nice trips, which, I think, are part of the educational process for the players."

As athletic director, Wallace has found public relations (and fund-raising) an increasingly important part of the job.

It is something at which he spends a lot of time. The tall redhead has a full load of luncheon speaking engagements, basketball clinic and camp visits, golf matches (his favorite hobby) and the like . . . anywhere he can visit with people and spread the word on Centenary.

"We're shooting for the solid total program," he says. "One sport strengthens the other. If you want to touch the community, get their financial support, you've got to interest people in all our sports."

"Some people that are tennis or golf fans, may not be basketball fans. And vice versa. So you've got to try to get them interested at all levels."

With P.R. in mind, promotions for Gent basketball will be emphasized more. Such as "Basketball Day," a Wallace innovation last season.

"We have to do more than we have," he says. "We've been satisfied too many times with smaller crowds. We've got to go out and promote, meet the public, get the publicity."

"We have a good nucleus of fans, but we need it to be bigger. We've got to promote the products, get them in to see it and give them a good showing. You've got to do things to get them in your house."

With his players, the press, fans, opponents and — yes — the officials, Wallace is outspoken. He says what he believes — and he believes it strongly.

He is concerned with his players' needs and makes a strong effort to see that they graduate from Centenary — something he's been doing since he returned as assistant coach in 1967-68.

He first came to Centenary in 1959 as a freshman basketball player recruited out of Jerseyville, Ill., by Orvis Sigler, who also brought him back as a coach.

Wallace, now 36, captained the Gents in his final two seasons, was Most Valuable Player in the Gulf South Classic in 1962 and takes great pride in being among the Gent career scoring and rebounding leaders.

He coached the Gent freshmen team one year, then returned to Illinois (Litchfield) to coach for three years. At Centenary, he was chief assistant under three head coaches.

Now the program is his responsibility and one thing was clear in the first year: For pure excitement — win or lose — Centenary basketball didn't miss a beat.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ht. 6-5. Wt. 215. Born Oct. 28, 1941, at Grafton, Ill. Graduated Jerseyville (Ill.) High School, 1959. Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Centenary, 1964. Masters' degree in Education from University of Illinois, 1967. Married Joan Williams of Monroe, La., Aug. 3, 1963. Children: Robert Riley, Jr. (Rob), 4, and Kimberly Joan, 6 months.

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RON KESTENBAUM...

Chief Assistant Coach



This is Ron Kestenbaum's second year as chief assistant basketball coach at Centenary and as national recruiting coordinator.

The New York City native and resident for 33 years isn't greeting people with "howdy, y'all" yet since his move to the Deep South a year ago. But he likes where he is and what he's doing.

"It's a lot more fun getting on a 747 and going to Hawaii," he laughs, "than getting on the IND subway and going to 116th Street for a basketball game."

After six very successful years of high school coaching in The Bronx, Ron found college coaching a different life last year.

"You get to see the kids you're coaching in a lot different environment," he says. "You're living with them, or close to them, a great deal of the time. It gives you a better insight to their personalities and problems."

"You have to be a close family, otherwise you're not going to exist."

Kestenbaum came to Centenary a proven winner. Starting a program at a new high school, he built a 74-26 record at Adlai Stevenson with Section II NYC championships in 1973 and 1974. He was The City's "Coach of the Year" in '74.

He has helped bring several New York City products to Centenary, including two players (George Lett and Kevin Starke) who were with him at Stevenson.

Kestenbaum will recruit The City and in the Northeast, but stresses the Gents will go anywhere "to get the best players we can. We're going after the type of students who will fit in with us academically and socially . . . someone who can be a credit to Centenary and himself. And we want them to stay with us for four years or whatever it takes to graduate."

Among Ron's hobbies is physical fitness. He's an avid runner.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ht. 5-9. Wt. 155. Born Sept. 16, 1943, in New York City. Graduated Stuyvesant High School (Manhattan), played basketball and baseball there (All-City shortstop). Bachelor's degree, 1966, and masters' degree, 1968, in physical education from Hunter College in New York City. Played two years of basketball and one year of baseball there. Married Peggy Acker of New York City March 31, 1966. Children: Matthew, 9, and Russell, 7.

TOMMY CANTERBURY...

Assistant Coach, Golf Coach



His titles at Centenary are assistant basketball and head golf coach. Tommy Canterbury could also be described as a salesman and stand-up (or sit-down) comedian.

Tommy simply enjoys people — meeting them, being with them, entertaining them. And people like him.

His down-home personality may be traced to growing up in and around Simsboro, La., one of those little places where everyone knows everyone.

Canterbury is in his second year at Centenary and is in charge of recruiting the South, particularly Louisiana and the nearby states.

His influence was evident with the recruiting of several Louisiana athletes last year in basketball and golf.

And the Gents made strong bids for other top-notch athletes who went elsewhere.

When recruiting, Canterbury fits the salesman part.

"Recruiting is selling — yourself, your school, your city and your (basketball or golf) program."

"I feel Centenary athletics has a lot to offer, therefore I feel comfortable and honest in selling and promoting our program."

Tommy is a popular speaker at luncheons, banquets, classes — wherever he's invited. "I like it," he says. "It's a chance to promote the program and you should never pass up that chance."

In recruiting, he counts on persistence. "My first year, I was surprised at the enormous amount of time it involves and how personally involved one gets doing it. It's very competitive."

"Many college coaches say that recruiting is their least favorite part of basketball," he adds. "Personally, I enjoy it as much as the coaching."

Canterbury coached seven years in high school, one at Dodson and six at Springhill, compiling a 142-105 (.575) record. The big year was 1973-74 at Springhill when Bobby White led a 35-4 team to the District 1-AAA title and Tommy earned "Coach of the Year" honors in the league.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ht. 5-10. Wt. 175. Born May 18, 1947, at Ruston, La. Graduated Simsboro (La.) High School, 1965. Played basketball and baseball there (all-district twice in each sport). Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education from Louisiana Tech University, 1970. Masters' degree in Physical Education from Louisiana Tech, 1974. President, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Tech (1970). Married Carol Ann Thornhill of Columbia, La., June 5, 1971. Children: Chad, 3.

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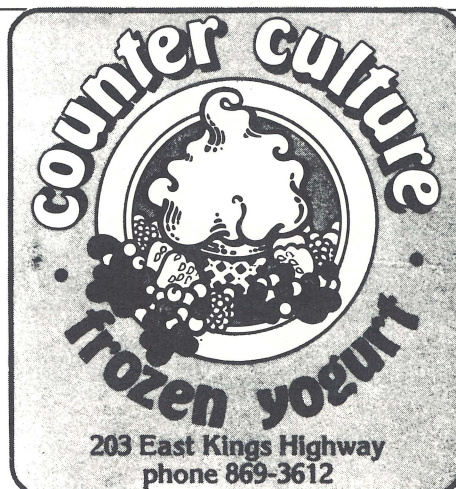


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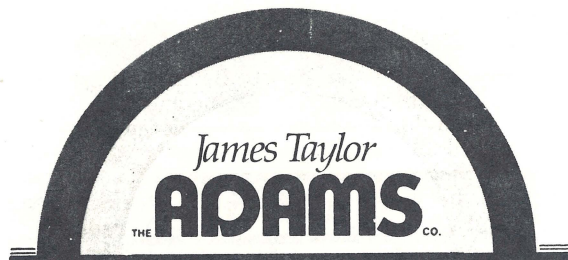
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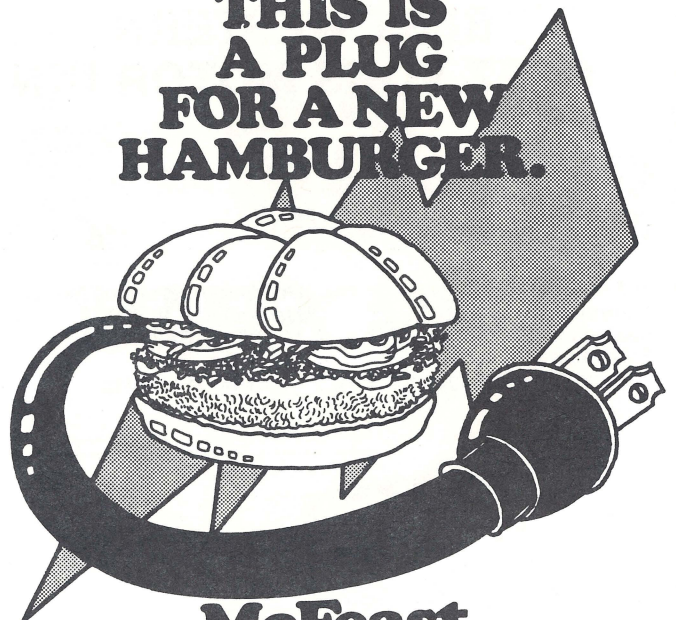
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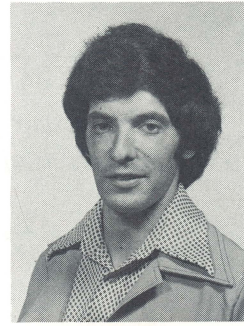
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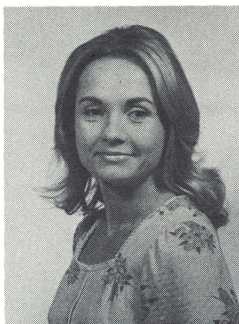
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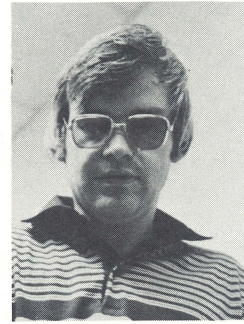
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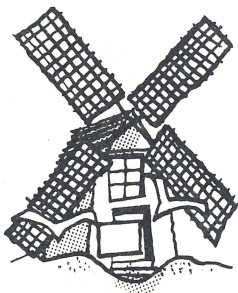
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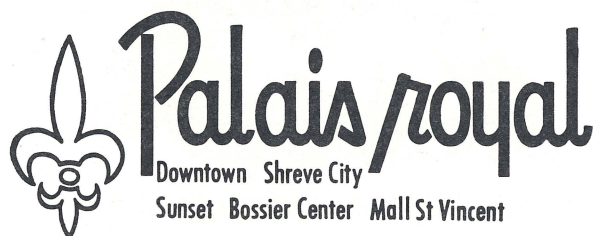
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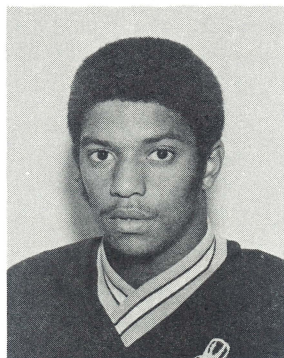
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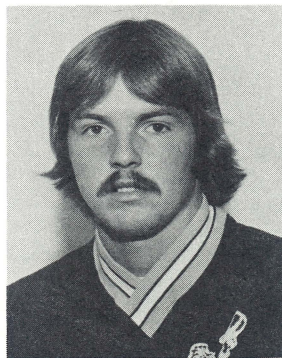
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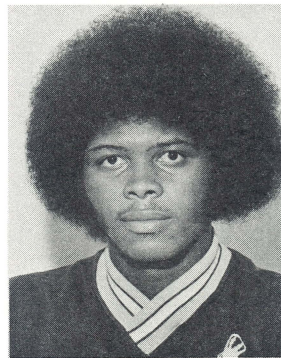
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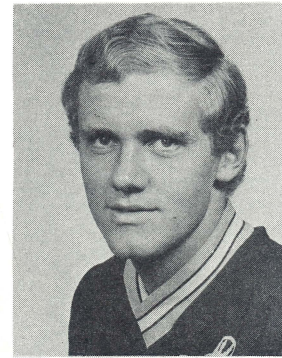
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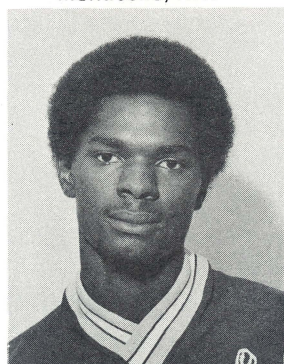
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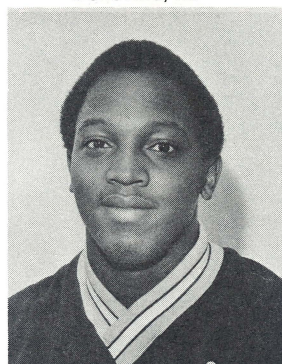
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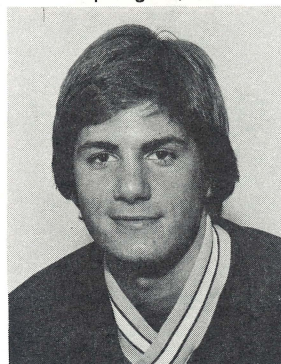
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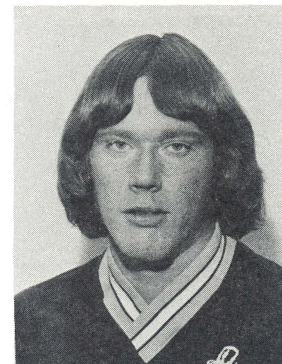
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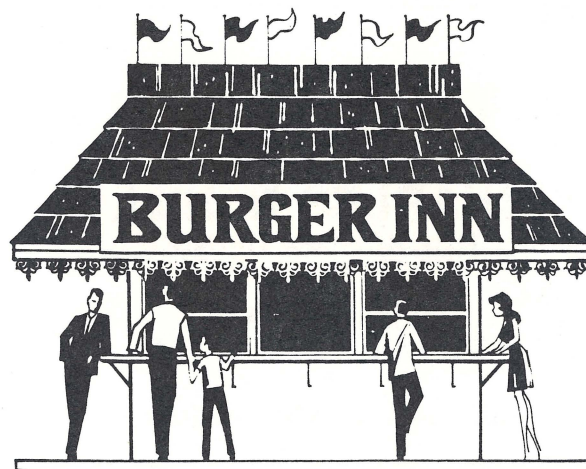


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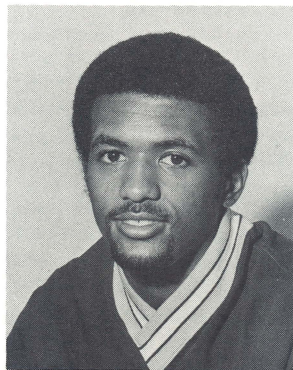
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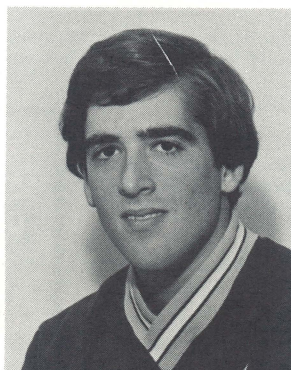
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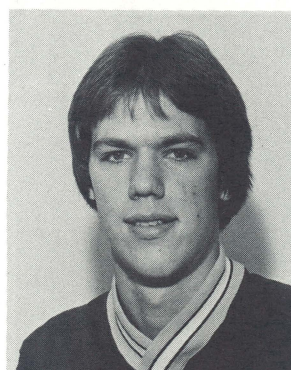
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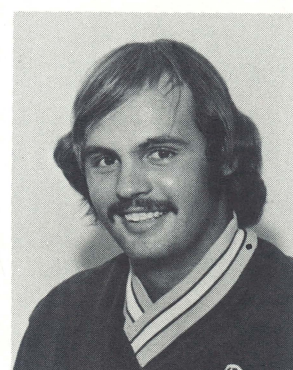
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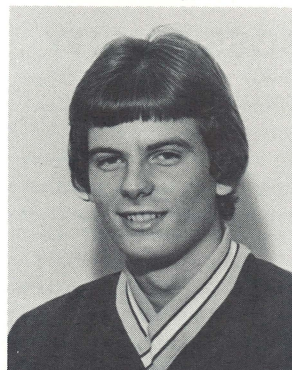
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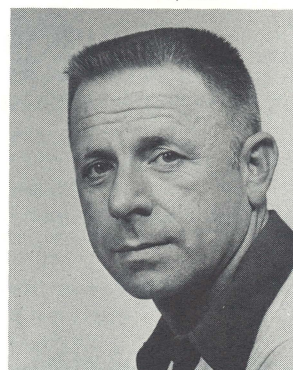
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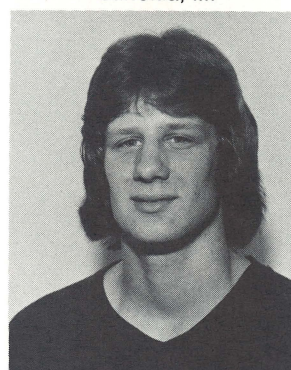
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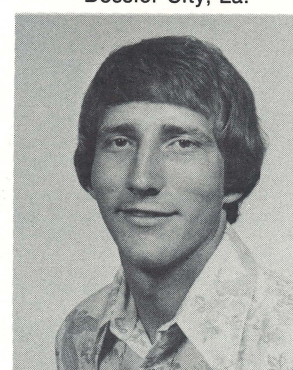
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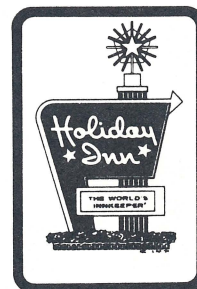
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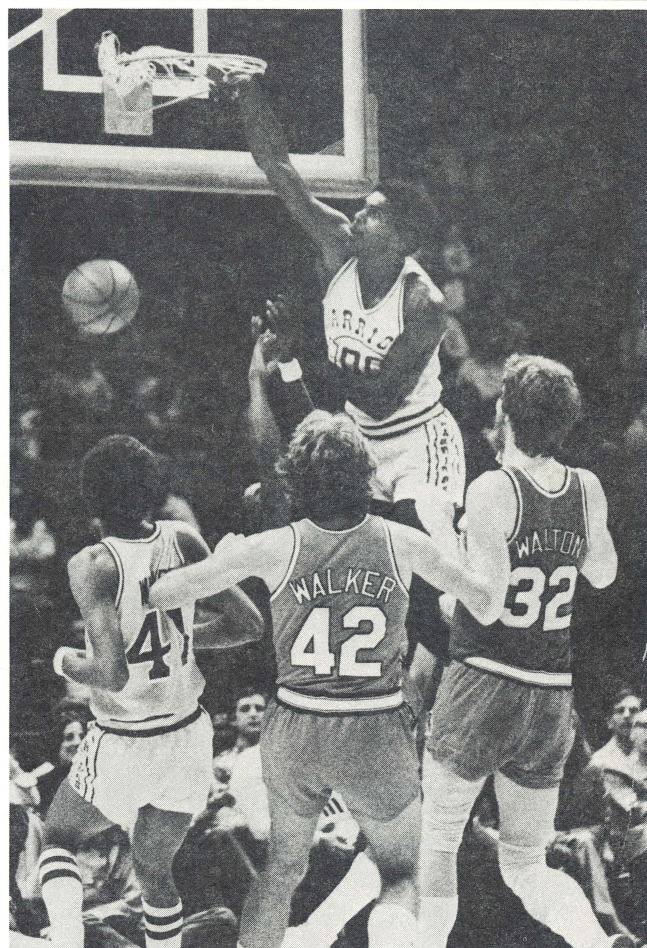
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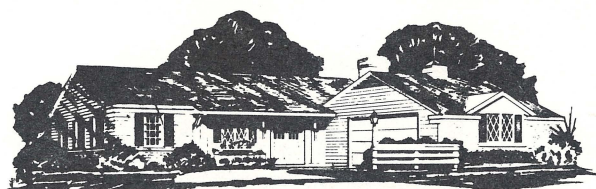


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For Stan Elfrink, the future is not now.

"It's been a learning experience," says the freshman from Cahokia, Ill., of his first year at Centenary.

He was a big star at St. Henry's Prep Seminary in Belleville last year, averaging 31.3 points and 14.3 rebounds a game and setting almost every school record available there.

So it's been an adjustment to the role of a reserve.

"It's a big change," Stan admits. "I realize I don't belong out there. There are a lot of players more talented than I am and there's only one way to get out there and that's to work hard.

"You learn by being out on the floor, but you also learn by being on the bench—by watching other people and following their example."

Elfrink is a frail 6-9, 190 pounds, and what he needs is more physical strength. It didn't help when he battled mononucleosis at the start of the season.

"He has a very good shooting touch from outside," says Head Coach Tommy Canterbury, "especially for someone as tall as he is. I think he'll really help us in a year or two."

To gain the physical strength he needs, Elfrink will begin a strenuous weight program at the end of this season.

Asked what else he needs to improve, Stan said, with a smile, "my looks and my ballhandling."

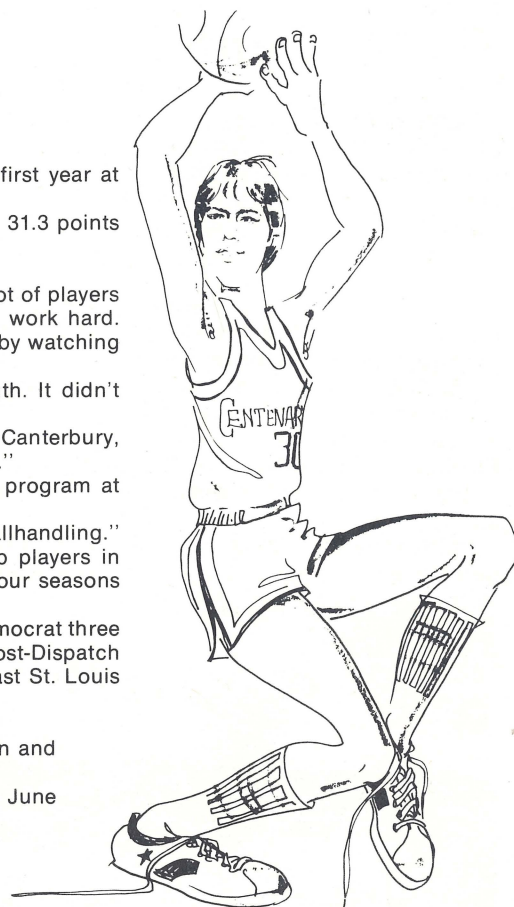
The latest in the line of Illinois products at Centenary, he was one of the top players in the St. Louis area last year. He scored 1,699 points and had 1,016 rebounds in four seasons at St. Henry's with high games of 56 points and 31 rebounds.

His list of honors include All-Chartres Conference and All-City Belleville News-Democrat three years, WIBV Radio "Player of the Year" twice, All-Illinois District by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Globe-Democrat, All-Metro by the Post-Dispatch, All-Metro East by the East St. Louis Journal and All-State by the Chicago Daily News.

He played in the Illinois High School All-Star Game.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Elfrink, he is the third oldest of seven children and the oldest boy.

He's a physical therapy major at Centenary who enjoys reading. He'll be 19 on June 19.



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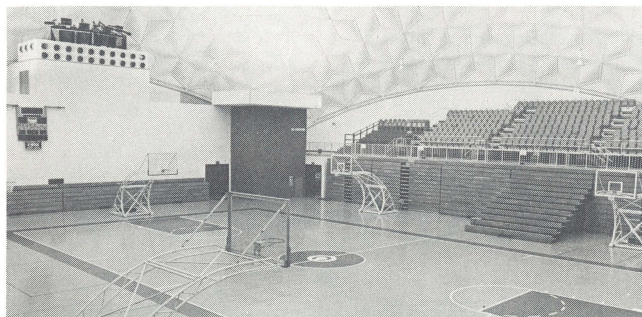
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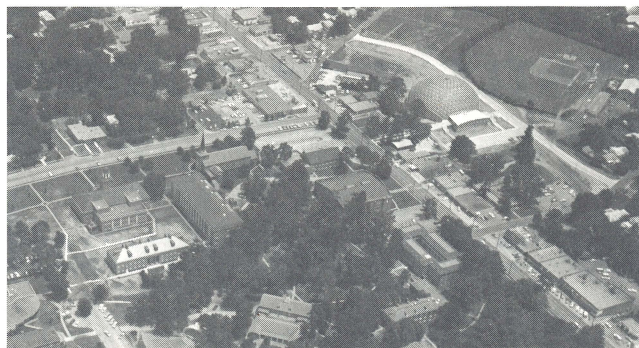
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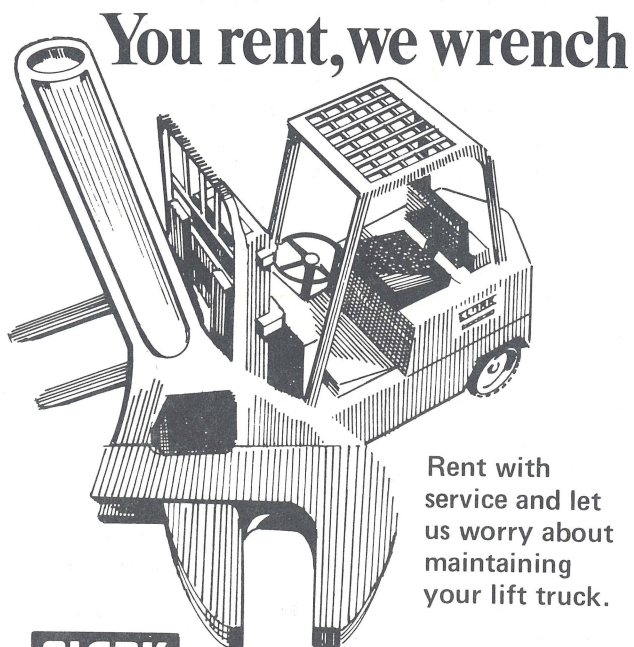
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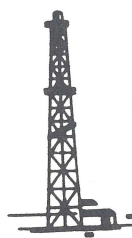
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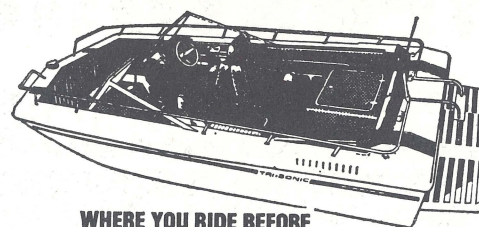
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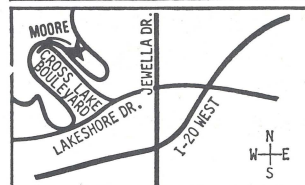
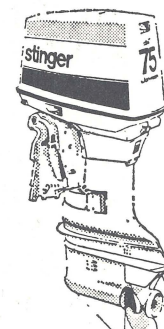
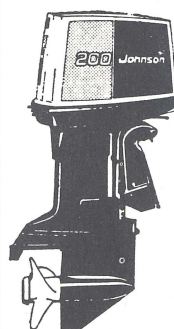


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20	Wayne Waggoner	G	18	6-3	175	Fr.	HS	Logansport, La.—Logansport
22	Rudy Manne	C	19	7-0	225	Soph.	1V	New York City, N.Y.—Gompers
23	Steve Kelly	G	18	6-1	175	Fr.	HS	Bossier City, La.—Airline
30	Stan Elfrink	F	18	6-9	190	Fr.	HS	Cahokia, Ill.—St. Henry's
33	George Lett	F	21	6-7	195	Soph.	Tr.	New York City, N.Y.—Stevenson
34	Bill Schmidt	G-F	21	6-4	190	Sr.	1V	Belleville, Ill.—Belleville West
42	Bobby White	F	21	6-6	220	Sr.	2V	Springhill, La.—Springhill
50	Walter Louis	F	21	6-6	190	Jr.	1V	Dallas, Tex.—W.T. White
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12	John Wilbanks	G	6-0	160	Sr.	21	Ltr. 1	North Fulton—Atlanta, Ga.
13	Dave Guebert	G	5-11	165	Sr.	22	Ltr. 1	Edison—East Gary, Ind.
14	Henry Taylor	C	6-5	206	Sr.	21	Ltr. 1	Hobbs—Hobbs, N.M.
22	Johnnie Dixon	G	6-3	183	Fr.	18	HS	Horace Mann—Gary, Ind.
24	Richard Bowden	G	6-3	185	Sr.	21	Ltr. 1	Norman—Norman, Okla.
32	Jim Ed Holland	F-G	6-4	205	Jr.	20	Ltr. 2	Bowling Green—B'ling Green, Ky.
35	Danny Salisbery	F-G	6-6	202	Jr.	20	JC	Temple—Temple, Tex.
41	Leonard Moore	F	6-6	175	Jr.	24	JC	Howard—Atlanta, Ga.
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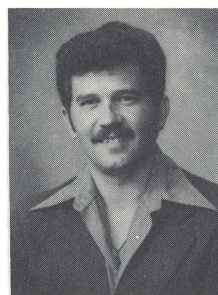
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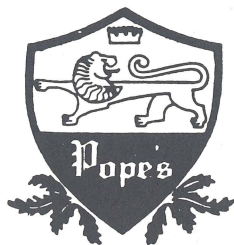
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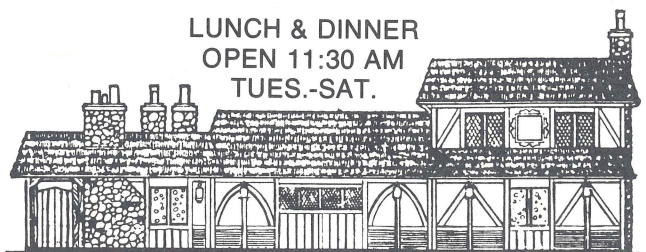


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Season	Coach	W-L	Pct.	Home	Away
1976-77	Riley Wallace	11-19	.367	5-7	6-12
1975-76	Larry Little	22-5	.815	10-1	12-4
1974-75	Larry Little	25-4	.862	13-1	12-3
1973-74	Larry Little	21-4	.840	12-0	9-4
1972-73	Larry Little	19-8	.704	11-2	8-6
1971-72	Larry Little	13-12	.520	9-5	4-7
1970-71	Joe Swank	13-13	.500	10-7	3-6
1969-70	Joe Swank	8-16	.333	7-5	1-11
1968-69	Joe Swank	9-18	.333	7-6	2-12
1967-68	Orvis Sigler	3-23	.115	2-10	1-13
1966-67	Orvis Sigler	9-17	.346	5-8	4-9
1965-66	Orvis Sigler	12-14	.462	6-7	6-7
1964-65	Orvis Sigler	13-11	.542	9-2	4-9
1963-64	Orvis Sigler	16-8	.667	9-2	7-6
1962-63	Orvis Sigler	12-14	.462	9-5	3-9
1961-62	Orvis Sigler	17-9	.654	13-1	4-8
1960-61	Orvis Sigler	14-12	.538	9-6	5-6
1959-60	Orvis Sigler	12-12	.500	8-7	4-5
1958-59	Orvis Sigler	14-14	.500	8-7	6-7
1957-58	Harold Mooty	14-12	.538	11-4	3-8
1956-67	Harold Mooty	16-9	.640	12-3	4-6
1955-56	Harold Mooty	20-7	.741	15-3	5-4
1954-55	F. H. "Buss" Delaney	14-12	.538	10-3	4-9
1953-54	F. H. "Buss" Delaney	13-12	.520	11-4	2-8
1952-53	F. H. "Buss" Delaney	21-10	.677	12-3	9-7
1951-52	F. H. "Buss" Delaney	17-17	.500	10-3	7-14
1950-51	F. H. "Buss" Delaney	16-13	.552	10-2	6-11
1949-50	F. H. "Buss" Delaney	14-12	.538	10-2	4-10
1948-49	*Ab Young	21-15	.583	13-2	8-13
1947-48	Ab Young	11-21	.344	8-8	3-13
1946-47	Jack Clayton	16-7	.695	10-4	6-3
1945-46	Clayton Cornish	2-12	.143	2-5	0-7
1942-45	PROGRAM SUSPENDED BY WAR				

*Resigned Feb. 1, Glenn Smith completed season.

CENTENARY COACHING RECORDS

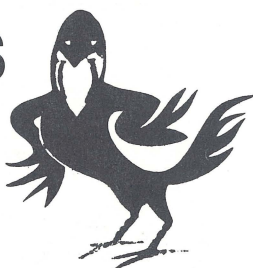
Coach	Years	Seasons	Won-Lost	Pct.
Riley Wallace	1976-	1	11-19	.367
Larry Little	1971-76	5	100-33	.752
Joe Swank	1968-71	3	30-47	.390
Orvis Sigler	1958-68	10	122-134	.476
Harold Mooty	1955-58	3	50-28	.641
F.H. "Buss" Delaney . .	1949-55	6	95-76	.556
Ab Young. . . .	1947-49	2	32-36	.471
Jack Clayton	1946-47	1	16-7	.696
Clayton Cornish	1945-46	1	2-12	.143
Elmer Smith	1939-42	3	24-23	.511
Curtis Parker	1927-39	12	228-77	.747
George Hoy	1926-27	1	2-15	.118
Homer Norton	1922-26	5	40-31	.563

SERIES RECORDS VS. OPPONENTS

McNeese State, 11-4	Hawaii, 6-9
Northwestern State, 25-37	Northeast Louisiana, 9-2
New Orleans, 3-1	*Oklahoma City, 8-21
*Arkansas State, 12-7	*Hardin-Simmons, 20-8
Stetson, 1st meeting	Pan American, 1-1
Texas, 6-5	Louisiana Tech, 74-38
*DePaul, 1-1	*Southwestern Louisiana, 13-12
Portland, 1-0	Iona, 1st meeting
Lamar, 11-6	Long Island, 1-1
Marquette, 1st meeting	*Illinois State, 3-0
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The doctor is Dr. James C. Farrar, who took over as the Gent baseball coach last summer after 20 successful years in high school coaching in North Louisiana.

He has never coached a losing baseball team, but, considering Centenary's 13-34-1 record of last spring, he's not making any promises of a winning year this time.

He does promise, however, that the Gents "will hustle and work hard. That's the one trait I want Centenary College baseball to have—that we'll hustle the best we can. Even if you don't have ability, you can do that."

Dr. Farrar, four times the state's "Coach of the Year" in either football or baseball in high school, believes his first Gent team will have the ability "to score enough runs to break .500."

But pitching is another matter and it's a problem he has inherited.

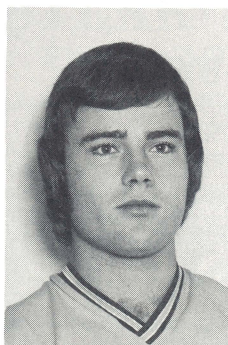
The Gent hurlers had a blown-up earned run average of 6.29 last spring, allowing 439 hits, 331 runs and 257 walks (compared to 240 strikeouts) in 352 innings. Things weren't much better in a fall season when the club had a 6-14 record.

Yet Farrar believes "we have some good arms" from a group that includes seniors Mark Hargis and Danny Myers, sophomores Kirk Tolson and Leslie Jones and freshmen Mike Clayman, John Myers, Ronnie Morris, Byron Patterson and Jordan Stastny.

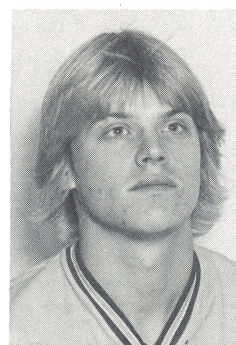
"Some of them are still throwers, not pitchers," he says. "Most need to improve their control and we'll work with them."

The starting lineup seems set in four positions—catcher Mitch Ashmore, a transfer from Hines (Miss.) Junior College well recommended by pro scouts; second baseman Rick Davis, a .293 hitter last spring; shortstop Bill Schmidt, .328 and team leader in most offensive categories last year; and third baseman Wayne Rohlfing, who hit .275 last season.

Rohlfing played first base and the outfield last year, can play shortstop if needed and is also an effective short relief pitcher. He led the club with 10 doubles and 27 RBI last year.



Brad Graham



Tom Brummer

There are many other possibilities, but senior Tom Brummer, who missed most of last season, will be in the lineup somewhere. It depends on how well he can run after suffering a severed achilles tendon, but he can catch, play first or in the outfield or serve as the DH. "He has outstanding ability," says Farrar.

Other first base or outfield candidates are senior Brad Graham and freshman Ricky Slade, both potentially good hitters. Freshman Steve Brumfield, an All-State catcher at Bossier High, will probably start in one outfield spot (he hit .383 in the fall) and it'll be hard to keep junior Brent Lutz, a .409 hitter in the fall, out.

For defense and hustle, fourth-year Mike Hainsfurther and freshman Flynn Bankard are in the lead for outfield spots.

"Our defense wasn't what it should have been in the fall," says Farrar, "but with some changes, it should be better now."

"Our biggest asset is hitting, but how we do all boils down to the mound."

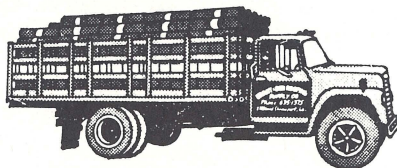
The Gents begin workouts Wednesday and open a 51-game schedule at Grambling March 3. They'll host a five-team tournament (Northwestern State, Louisiana College, Carroll (Wis.) College, Southern State) at Centenary Field March 23-25.



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CENTENARY LADIES: (Left to right) Betsy Boyd, M'liss Berry, Sheri McCullough, Betsy Stockinger, Mimi Mitchell, Amanda McCoy, Julie Grammer, Paula Glanville.

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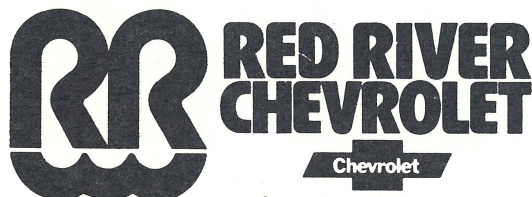
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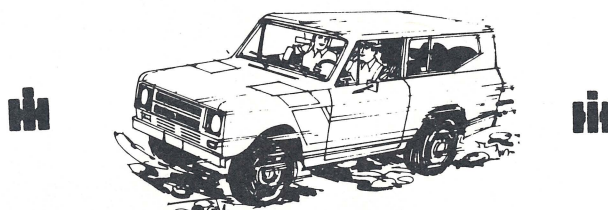
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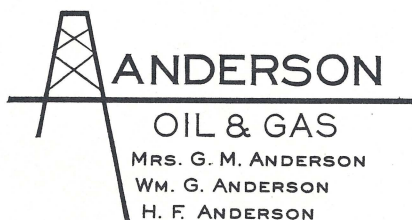
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CENTENARY AND NCAA STATISTICS

Centenary was not listed in the NCAA Division I statistics from 1972-76. If the Gents had been included, here's how they would have ranked nationally:

1972-73 Season

Team, 8th in scoring (89.4 points per game).
Robert Parish, 3rd in rebounding (18.7 per game).

1973-74 Season

Team, 9th in W-L percentage (21-4, .848) and tied for 4th in longest winning streak (12).
Robert Parish, 5th in rebounding (15.3 per game).

1974-75 Season

Team, 9th in scoring (89.4 points per game); 4th in rebound margin (9.8 per game); 7th in average scoring margin (13.4 per game); tied for 6th in W-L percentage (25-4, .862).

Robert Parish, 1st in rebounding (15.4 per game).

1975-76 Season

Team, 5th in scoring (89.2 points per game); 8th in rebound margin (9.1 per game).

Robert Parish, 1st in rebounding (18.0 per game); 13th in scoring (24.8 points per game); 16th in field goal percentage (.589).

PRIOR TO 1972-73

1968-69 Season

Larry Ward, 14th in field goal percentage (.561) and 4th in free throw percentage.

1967-68 Season

Larry Ward, 2nd in free throw percentage (.887).
Team, 1st in most personal fouls committed (24.2 per game).

1966-67 Season

Larry Ward, 32nd in scoring (22.1 points per game).

1965-66 Season

Tom Kerwin, 6th in scoring (27.9 points per game).

1964-65 Season

Tom Kerwin, 18th in scoring (24.2 points per game).

1963-64 Season

Tom Kerwin, 22nd in scoring (25.2 points per game).

COLLEGE DIVISION (Prior to 1958-59)

1956-57 Season

Milton Williams, 6th in free throw percentage (.846).
Team, 4th in free throw percentage (.723).

1955-56 Season

Ron Viskozki, 10th in free throw percentage (.825).

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GOLD DOME RECORDS

Individual Single Game

Most Points — 38, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973.

Most Field Goal Attempts — 30, CHARLES WHITE, East Tennessee, vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 29, 1971 (made 14); BOBBY WHITE, Centenary, vs. Northern Illinois, Dec. 4, 1976 (made 15).

Most Field Goals Made — 17, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973 (attempted 24).

Best Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts) — .900 (9-of-10), NATE BLAND, Centenary, vs. Louisiana Tech, Dec. 1, 1973.

Most Free Throw Attempts — 19, THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State, vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971 (made 14).

Most Free Throws Made — 14, THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State, vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971 (attempted 19); RICK APKE, Creighton, vs. Centenary, Feb. 5, 1977 (attempted 15).

Best Free Throw Percentage — 1.00 (8-of-8), JOE MERIWETHER, So. Illinois, vs. Centenary, Feb. 15, 1975; AL ARMSTRONG, Indiana State, vs. Centenary, Feb. 13, 1975.

Most Rebounds — 33, ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 27, 1973.

Most Assists — 16, MELVIN RUSSELL, Centenary, vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973.

Most Turnovers — 12, WALTER "Weasel" JOHNSON, North Texas State, Feb. 23, 1977.

Team Single Game

Most Points, Centenary — 133, vs. Hardin-Simmons (133-94), Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Points, Visitors — 107, North Texas State, vs. Centenary (107-104, 2 OT), Feb. 23, 1977.

Most Points vs. Centenary — 96, Hawaii, vs. Centenary (96-91), Jan. 8, 1972.

Most Points, Two Teams — 227 (Centenary 133, Hardin-Simmons 94), Feb. 5, 1976; 211 (North Texas State 107, Centenary 104, 2 OT), Feb. 23, 1977.

Fewest Points, Centenary — 62, vs. Robert Morris (62-65), Jan. 10, 1977.

Fewest Points, Opponents — 59, East Texas Baptist (59-86), Dec. 5, 1972.

Fewest Points, Two Teams — 127 (Robert Morris 65, Centenary 62), Jan. 10, 1977.

Biggest Centenary Win — 48 (Centenary 110, Wabash College 62), Jan. 2, 1975.

Biggest Centenary Loss — 12 (Arkansas State 76, Centenary 64), Dec. 11, 1971.

Miscellaneous

Attendance — 4,000 (packed), vs. Houston, Jan. 17, 1974; vs. Louisiana Tech, Jan. 10, 1976.

Longest Homecourt Winning Streaks — 18, Nov. 30, 1973, through Jan. 7, 1975 (broken by Hawaii 79-78, on Jan. 9, 1975). 10, current (starting at 1976-77 season)

Longest Homecourt Losing Streak — 2, in 1971-72 and 1976-77.

Top Individual Scoring Performance

	FG	FT
38—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973	24-17	6-4
36—CHARLIE JONES, Loyola, vs. Centenary, Feb. 12, 1972	26-15	5-4
36—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary vs. Houston Baptist, Feb. 21, 1976	23-14	9-8
35—VERNON WILSON, Northwestern vs. Centenary, Feb. 2, 1972	27-14	9-7
33—LARRY DAVIS, Centenary, vs. Loyola, Feb. 12, 1972	26-14	8-5
33—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. East Texas Baptist, Jan. 27, 1976	20-11	13-11
32—LEON JOHNSON, Centenary, vs. Houston, Jan. 17, 1974	22-14	5-4
32—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Houston Baptist, Feb. 9, 1974	26-14	5-4
32—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Athletes in Action, Jan. 12, 1976	19-15	2-2
32—BOBBY WHITE, Centenary, vs. Northern Illinois, Dec. 4, 1976	30-15	2-2

Top Individual Rebound Performances

33—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Southern Mississippi, Jan. 27, 1973
29—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Texas-Arlington, Feb. 5, 1973
27—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Lamar, Feb. 7, 1973
27—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Northwestern State, Dec. 9, 1974
26—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. Houston, Jan. 17, 1974
25—ROBERT PARISH, Centenary, vs. LSU-New Orleans, Jan. 15, 1973

By Opponent

23—THURMAN BAPTISTE, Northwestern State, vs. Centenary, Dec. 30, 1971



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SCORING (By Average)

1. Tom Kerwin 25.8. 2. Robert Parish 21.6. 3. Larry Ward 19.4. 4. Leon Johnson 17.8. 5. Barrie Haynie 17.0. 6. Larry Davis 16.5. 7. Burl Plunkett 16.0. 8. Connie Mack Rea 15.92. 9. Jesse Marshall 15.91. 10. Fred Zitar 15.7. 11. Nate Bland 15.0. 12. Milton Williams 14.8. 13. Jackie Crawford 14.5. 14. Stan McAfoos 13.8. 15. Cecil Upshaw 13.7. 16. Pototo Ramirez 13.1. 17. Jimmy Williams 12.9. 18. BOBBY WHITE 12.6. 19. Marshall Crawford 12.6. 20. John Blankenship 12.4. 21. Gerald Martello 12.3. 22. Jimmy Edelen 12.3. 23. Willard Moore 12.2. 24. Joey Johnson 12.1. 25. Lee Mansell 11.9.

SCORING	Years Played	G	Points	Avg.
Robert Parish	4 (1972-76)	108	2,334	21.6
Tom Kerwin	3 (1963-66)	74	1,910	25.8
Larry Ward	3 (1966-69)	78	1,512	19.4
Leon Johnson	3 (1972-75)	81	1,444	17.8
Barrie Haynie	3 (1963-66)	73	1,243	17.0
Larry Davis	3 (1970-73)	75	1,237	16.5
Nate Bland	3 (1973-76)	81	1,216	15.0
Bob Wright	4 (1950-54)	114	1,112	9.8
Joey Johnson	3 (1948-51)	88	1,067	12.1
Jackie Crawford	3 (1958-61)	73	1,060	14.5
Stan McAfoos	3 (1961-64)	76	1,051	13.8
Dean Veatch	4 (1947-51)	119	999	8.4
Lenny Fant	4 (1946-50)	115	979	8.5
John Blankenship	3 (1966-69)	78	968	12.4
Cecil Upshaw	3 (1961-64)	69	946	13.7
Ron Viskozki	4 (1953-57)	90	938	10.4
BOBBY WHITE	3 (1974-77)	68	856	12.6
Larry Teague	4 (1953-57)	98	830	8.5
Connie Mack Rea	2 (1951-53)	52	828	15.9
Jesse Marshall	2 (1968-70)	51	811	15.9
Barry McLeod	3 (1973-76)	77	811	10.5
Riley Wallace	3 (1960-63)	77	795	10.3
John Hickerson	3 (1970-73)	78	789	10.1
Fred Zitar	2 (1969-71)	50	787	15.7
Burl Plunkett	2 (1953-55)	47	750	16.0
Dale Van Bibber	3 (1959-62)	66	734	11.1
John Pitts	3 (1974-77)	86	698	8.1

REBOUNDING

	Years Played	G	Rebounds	Avg.
Robert Parish	4 (1972-76)	108	1,820	16.9
Tom Kerwin	3 (1963-66)	74	748	10.1
Jackie Crawford	3 (1958-61)	73	697	9.5
Larry Teague	4 (1953-57)	98	679	6.9
Barrie Haynie	3 (1963-66)	73	672	9.2
John Pitts	3 (1974-77)	86	594	6.9
Fred Zitar	2 (1969-71)	50	591	11.8
Leon Johnson	3 (1972-75)	81	582	7.2
Riley Wallace	3 (1960-63)	77	571	7.4
Jesse Marshall	2 (1968-70)	51	505	9.9
Al Barnes	3 (1974-77)	86	505	5.9
Dale Van Bibber	3 (1959-62)	66	462	7.0
Larry Shoemaker	3 (1963-66)	72	451	6.3
Morris Schrimsher	2 (1956-58)	46	425	9.2
Billy Hester	1 (1952-53)	30	414	13.8

REBOUNDING (By Average)

1. Robert Parish 16.9. 2. Billy Hester 13.8 (one year). 3. Fred Zitar 11.8. 4. Tom Kerwin 10.1. 5. Jesse Marshall 9.9. 6. Jackie Crawford 9.5. 7. Barrie Haynie 9.2. 8. Morris Schrimsher 9.2. 9. Gerald Martello 7.7. 10. Riley Wallace 7.4. 11. Leon Johnson 7.2. 12. Dale Van Bibber 7.0. 13. Larry Teague 6.9. 14. John Pitts 6.9. 15. Larry Shoemaker 6.3.

FG PERCENTAGE

	Years Played	G	FGA-FGM	Pct.
Robert Parish	4 (1972-76)	108	1832-1034	.564
Fred Zitar	2 (1969-71)	50	561-301	.537
Jerry Waugh	3 (1972-75)	77	342-182	.532
Al Barnes	3 (1974-77)	86	471-248	.527
Nate Bland	3 (1973-76)	81	1056-546	.517
Larry Davis	3 (1970-73)	75	990-510	.515

FT PERCENTAGE

	Years Played	G	FTA-FTM	Pct.
Larry Ward	3 (1966-69)	78	341-298	.874
Ron Viskozki	4 (1953-57)	90	304-248	.816
Milton Williams	2 (1956-58)	44	184-149	.810
Dave Deets	3 (1971-74)	71	77-62	.805
Billy Eubanks	2 (1958-60)	52	117-92	.786
Cecil Upshaw	3 (1961-64)	69	179-140	.782

ASSISTS (since 1968)

Barry McLeod 423; Melvin Russell 387; Lee Mansell 245; Dave Deets 179; John Hickerson 164; Leon Johnson 157; Kevin Starke 155; Nate Bland 151; Robert Parish 150; Larry Davis 125; Bill Schmidt 125; Milton Horne 118; Jerry Waugh 118; Al Barnes 117.

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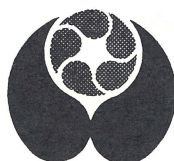
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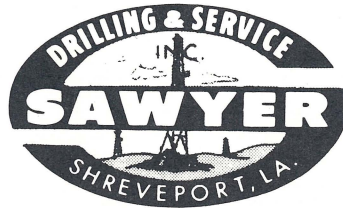
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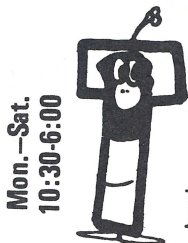
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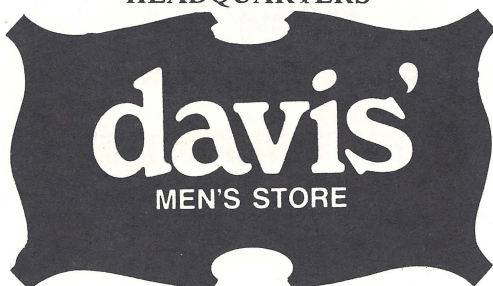
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50	Robert Parish	Lamar	12-22-72	37-25	1-0
47	Tom Kerwin	Louisiana Tech	2-21-66	26-20	8-7
46	Barrie Haynie	Houston	2- 7-66	36-18	11-10
42	Tom Kerwin	Oklahoma City	2- 2-66	31-19	6-4
41	Tom Kerwin	Louisiana Tech	2-25-65	24-17	10-7
40	Tom Kerwin	SMU	12-21-65	25-15	11-10
40	Tom Kerwin	So. Mississippi	2-29-64	16-12	18-16
39	Tom Kerwin	Tennessee Tech	1-18-64	30-17	8-5
38	Robert Parish	Texas-Arlington	2- 5-73	24-17	6-4
37	Bobby White	Louisiana Tech	1- 4-77	29-18	1-1
37	Gerald Martello	Arkansas State	2-28-59	17-15	12-7
37	Barrie Haynie	NW Louisiana	2- 8-65	21-12	16-13
37	Fred Zitar	Loyola	2-18-71	20-15	13-7
36	Milton Williams	SE Oklahoma	12-18-57	21-14	8-8
36	Jackie Crawford	Tampa	1-28-61	24-14	8-8
36	Robert Parish	Houston Baptist	2-21-76	23-14	9-8
36	Robert Parish	So. Mississippi	1-11-73	24-12	7-7
35	Burl Plunkett	Arizona State	12-17-53	21-14	8-7
35	Billy Hester	La. College	1-19-53	21-16	4-3
35	Tom Kerwin	Cincinnati	12-19-64	23-13	11-9

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50	Elvin Hayes	Houston	2-10-68	37-22	9-6
46	Dick Garrett	So. Illinois	3- 1-68	30-19	8-8
45	Bud Koper	Oklahoma City	2-16-62	29-20	5-5
44	Rich Travis	Oklahoma City	2-28-68	33-19	9-6
43	Bill Reigel	McNeese State	3- 3-56	28-14	18-15
43	Elvin Hayes	Houston	12-14-68	31-19	6-5
42	Simmie Hill	W. Texas St.	1-25-68	29-17	12-8
42	Rich Travis	Oklahoma City	2- 5-68	27-14	15-14
41	Ricky Sugg	Arkansas	12-13-65	20-14	13-13
41	Jerry Lee Wells	Oklahoma City	2- 2-66	37-17	10-7
41	Gary Gray	Oklahoma City	2-25-67	34-18	5-5
41	Larry Moore	UT-Arlington	1-18-73	29-20	2-1
40	Elvin Hayes	Houston	2- 7-66	24-17	16-6
40	Elvin Hayes	Houston	1- 6-68	36-20	1-0
40	Mike Green	Louisiana Tech	12- 2-72	33-19	4-2
40	Mike Coleman	So. Mississippi	1-16-75	30-16	8-8
39	Joe Abendroth	Louisiana Tech	1- 5-63	-14	18-11
38	Hunter Beckman	Memphis State	2-26-63	22-16	8-6
37	Larry Bird	Indiana State	1-22-77	16-14	9-9
37	John Dickson	Arkansas State	1- 3-66	-14	12-9
37	Jerry Lee Wells	Oklahoma City	3- 3-66	25-14	9-9
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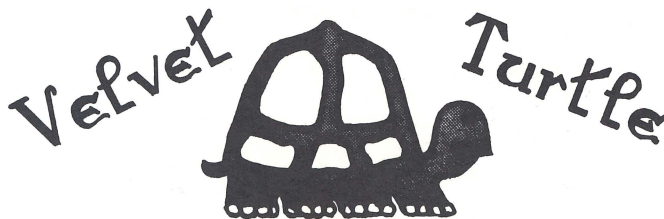
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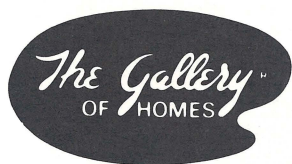
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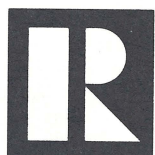
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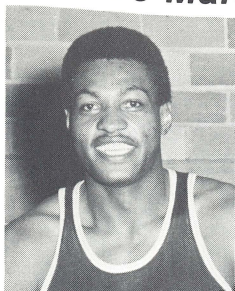
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Jesse Marshall—The Trailblazer



College athletics in the Deep South took a dramatic turn in the latter 1960's.

That was particularly true in basketball and what is commonplace now was a pressurized situation when Jesse Marshall came on the Centenary scene in 1968.

"I wanted to get back home and I kinda liked the idea of being the first black to play basketball for Centenary," remembers Jesse now.

He had come out of Princeton High—near Haughton—and gone on to Tyler Junior College to star on a couple of Floyd Wagstaff-coached teams.

He was—is—a big man—6-foot-7 and 245 pounds. And he could play the game, evidenced by his 811 points and 505 rebounds in two seasons at Centenary. His 15.9-point and 9.9-rebound per game averages rank No. 9 and No. 5, respectively, on the all-time Gent lists.

He encountered few problems at Centenary despite the obvious pressure of being a trailblazer for the black athlete here.

"Me being from Louisiana helped," he recalls. "There were some no's and some yesses, but if you knew the boundaries, you could deal with it better than someone from far off."

Still, being the team's only black player set him apart. "On some road trips," he says, "the team might go to a movie or go downtown. Not that I couldn't go, but I didn't feel comfortable. I spent a lot of time by myself."

School was no problem. "The school was beautiful," he remembers. "The people were beautiful... I was treated very well. The President (Dr. Jack Wilkes) was a helluva guy. When I first came over there, he said, 'If there are any problems—he didn't come right out and say what kind, but I knew—let me know.'"

Two problems that did arise were (1) a coaching change at Centenary and (2) the outlaw of the dunk.

He was recruited for Centenary by Orvis Sigler—"an okay guy... I wanted to play for him," he says. But Joe Swank soon took over as head coach and his disciplined, hard-nosed style didn't fit Jesse's.

"He was a military man who insisted his ways would work, no matter what was happening," Marshall recalls. "He took the basketball out of basketball."

"My talent was cut down, way down. Things I could do I wasn't allowed to do—a lot of individual moves, etc.... I averaged 15 points a game and we passed the ball 15 times before taking a shot and we'd take 30-40 shots a game."

"I could have doubled my average if we'd played wide open," he figures now.

Not as big as many of the centers he faced, but certainly as strong as any, Marshall calls himself "a jumper, a leaper... I was a challenger. I played better against 6-10, 6-11 guys because I was quicker."

He loved the dunk. "My first year at Tyler," he remembers, "I think I had 51 dunks. Then they took it out."

"It was part of my game. John Crockett (his coach at Princeton) taught me to play—'take it to the man.'"

"When you can do something exciting and you do it, the rest comes easy."

"He was so strong and a great jumper," recalls Sigler. "Losing the dunk hurt him."

His size and quickness impressed the pro scouts... the pro football scouts. He got plenty of correspondence from the NFL and was drafted in the 13th round of the '70 draft by the Detroit Lions.

He had played offensive and defensive tackle in high school, but his tryout with the Lions didn't last long. "My head just wasn't there... I had a lot of personal things going," he says, and one of those things was the birth of his first daughter.

Jesse now is a cross country driver for Haggar Slacks and resides in Garland, Tex., a Dallas suburb. His wife is the former Carrie Jones of Haughton and they have three girls—Inger, 7, Adrian, 5, and Jeanine, 13 months.



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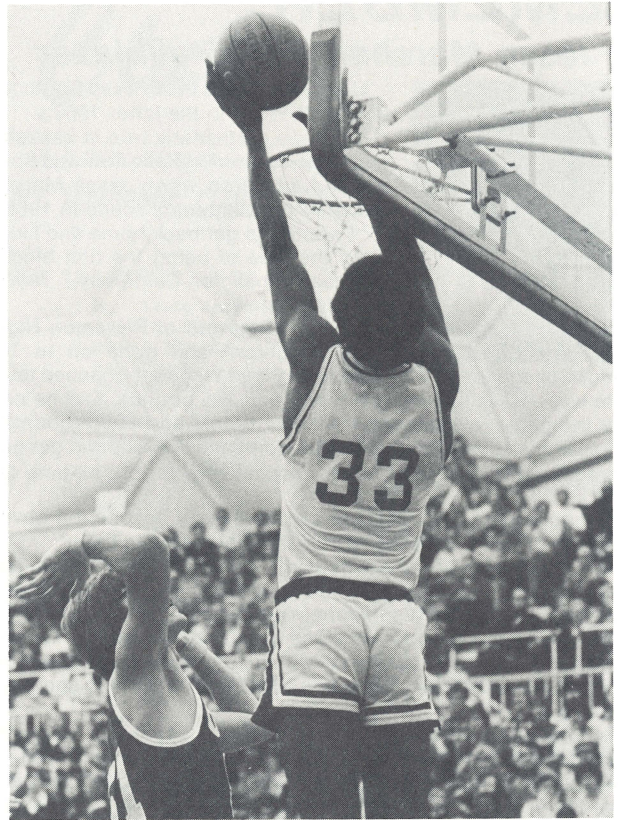
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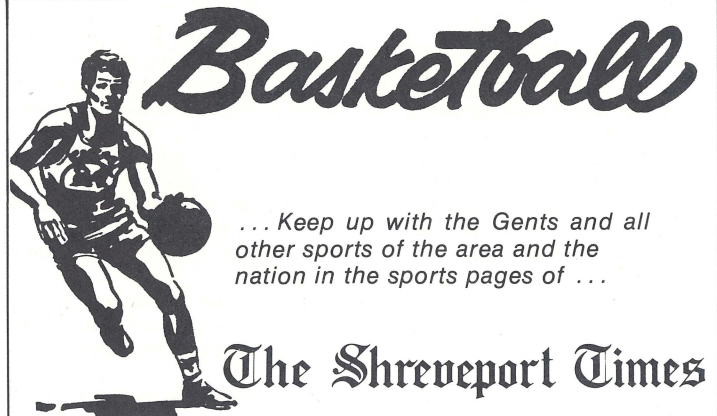
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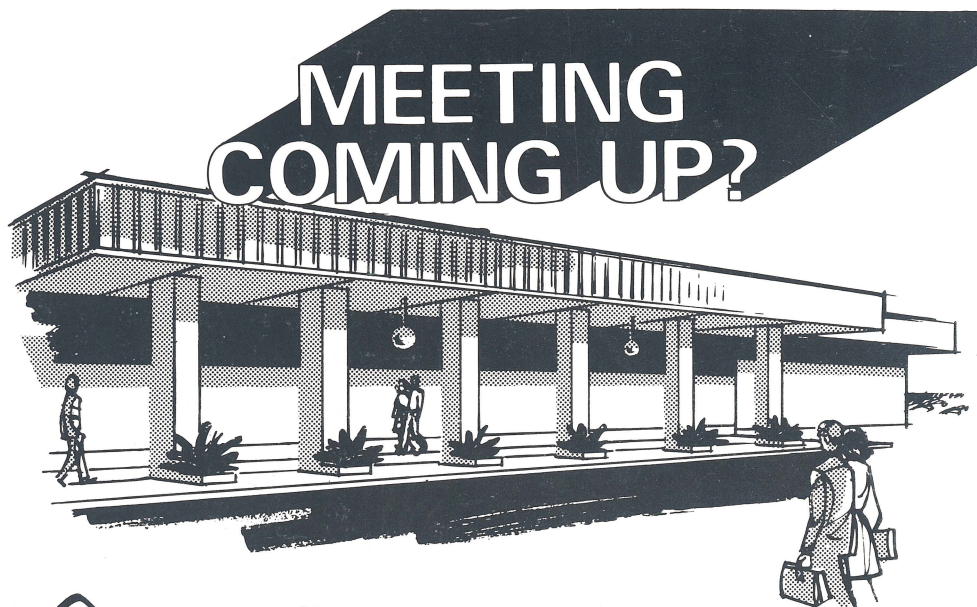
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